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FROM JTF CMDR HARP

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SUBJ: MAURITANIA AIRLIFT

REF: A. NOUAKCHOTT 191015Z AUG 74 (NOTAL)

B. NOUAKCHOTT 211240Z SEP 74 (NOTAL)

1. REF A IS SUMMARY OF MEETING WITH AMERICAN CHARGE' SHURTLEFF, GIRM MIN HEALTH BAH, JTF CMDR FASSETT AND OTHER OFFICIALS TO PLAN MAURITANIA AIRLIFT BEGINNING ON OR ABOUT 30AUG. MINISTER BAH REQUESTED NEMA BE THE PRIMARY OFF-LOAD AIRFIELD AND IF NEMA RUNWAY BECAME UNUSABLE, HE DESIRED SELIBABY TO BE THE FIRST ALTERNATE AND AIOUN THE SECOND ALTERNATE. REF B IS MINISTER BAH'S REQUEST THROUGH AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT THAT JTF CMDR ROUTE GRAIN FLIGHT THROUGH NEMA VICE AIOUN PRIOR TO VISIT NOUAKCHOTT ON 25 SEP AND ON HIS RETURN FLIGHT TO BAMAKO MAKE GRAIN LIFT TO NEMA.

2. AFTER CHARGE' SHURTLEFF AND JTF CMDR HARP MEETING AT NEMA ON 19 SEP AND OBSERVATION OF THE RUNWAY CONDITION, THE RUNWAY HAS DE-
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TERIORATED TO A POINT THAT IT IS UNUSABLE FOR SUSTAINED C-130 AIR-

CRAFT OPERATIONS. EVEN THOUGH THE DAILY TEMPORARY REPAIR OF THE HOLES IN THE RUNWAY WILL ALLOW LIMITED OPERATIONS, MY DECISION IS TO STOP AIRLIFT INTO NEMA UNTIL A PERMANENT FIX CAN BE MADE. IN THIS REGARD, HAVE OBTAINED TEN 50 KILO BAGS OF CEMENT TO BE AIRLIFTED TO NEMA TODAY FOR RUNWAY REPAIR. AS REQUESTED OF THE GOVERNOR OF NEMA, IF THE RUNWAY REPAIRS CAN BE STARTED TODAY AFTER LAST AIRLIFT FLIGHT, OPERATIONS CAN COMMENCE AGAIN TO NEMA BY LATE AFTERNOON 25 SEP.

3. DURING 24-25 SEP, THE PERIOD OF RUNWAY REPAIR AT NEMA, RECOMMEND REQUEST BE MADE TO MINISTER BAH TO ALLOW GRAIN AIRLIFT TO AOUN. DUE TO RECENT HEAVY RAINS AT SELIBABY AND THE UNCERTAINTY OF ITS RUNWAY CONDITION, WILL NOT CONSIDER AIRLIFT TO THAT LOCATION.

4. IF AIRLIFT REQUEST TO AOUN IS APPROVED, PLAN TO SCHEDULE FOUR FLIGHTS ON 24 SEP AND THREE FLIGHTS ON 25 SEP. FIRST FLIGHT EACH DAY WILL DEPART BAMAKO 0600Z AND ARRIVE AOUN 0720Z. IF APPROVAL DENIED, WILL STAND DOWN OPERATIONS UNTIL NEMA RUNWAY IS AGAIN OPERATIONAL.

5. PER CONVERSATION 19 SEP AND REFTTEL B, PLAN TO DEPART BAMAKO 25 SEP FOR NOUAKCHOTT WITH GRAIN OFF LOAD AT AOUN, WILL BRING STATE DEPT ANTENNAS. DUE TO SCHEDULED ARRIVAL OF KING GRAIN AIRCRAFT AT BAMAKO FROM CONUS ON 26 SEP, REGRET UNABLE TO ACCEPT INVITATION FOR OVERNIGHT STAY.

6. ITINERARY AND INFORMATION FOR 25 SEP AS FOLLOWS:

A. ARRIVE	LOCATION	DEPART	REMARKS
ORIGIN	BAMAKO	250600Z	
250720Z	AOUN	250820Z	OFF-LOAD 20MT GRAIN
250940Z	NOUAKCHOTT	251300Z	OFF-LOAD WATTS ANTENNA, MEET CHARGE AND MIN HEALTH
251510Z	NEMA#	251600Z	OFF-LOAD 15MT GRAIN
251700Z	BAMAKO	DEST	

#JTF CMDR WILL DETERMINE SUITABILITY OF NEMA RUNWAY FOR OPERATIONS 26 SEP.

B. ACFT TAIL NUMBER - 637830
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C. AIRCREW:
JTF CMDR-COL HARP
AC - CAPT LEE
CP - 1LT NELSON
NAV - 1LT RASMUSSEN
FE - SSGT LESCALLETT
LM - TSGT UPCHURCH
C/C - SGT HALL

PASSENGERS: MR FLOURNOY (PCV), MR SURPRISE (COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER)

6. LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AND MINISTER BAH AGAIN. ADVISE
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